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Loving the People of Russia!

Outreach to Bring Them In

Ministry at Hope Center is branching out. In addition to Bible School sessions, prayer meetings, church services, and training seminars, we have begun two outreaches aimed at young people. Every Tuesday we have a "game night" with various board games. Other than chess and checkers, board games aren't common here, so few families play together around a table. People of all ages have attended and been surprised at how much fun it is to talk, laugh, and play a game together.



Game Night.

Every Thursday night we show a different film, and then have a discussion around a table with a snack. So far our best turn out was for "Love Comes Softly" with over twenty in attendance. We carefully choose movies that are both interesting and have a spiritual message. More and more unbelievers have been attending, and the discussions keep getting more and more interesting.



That's us with an ice sculpture of Grandfather Frost.

Praise reports:

- Movie nights and Games nights are bringing in new people, and they hear about Christ.
- Leah has come to Khabarovsk.
- The church we attend is growing.
- Praise God for those who support us financially and in prayer.

Prayer requests:

- For Cecil's permanent resident permit to be approved.
- For the doors at the orphanages to stay open for ministry.
- Success for the Hosanna Plan.
- For boldness, wisdom and anointing.

Freaky Fact: Russia houses more than 100 different ethnic groups.





Lord of the Harvest

We've been praying for the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into the harvest field of the Russian Far East, and the Lord answers those who pray. Leah is an American who has come to Khabarovsk as a student for a semester. She is with the StudyRussianDoMissions program. In addition to learning the Russian language, she helps us on weekends and evenings. Follow the adventure of a young, single lady at LeahClose.blogspot.com as she lives and ministers on a Russian campus.

Check out our blog at
Eshelman.blogspot.com

Hosanna Plan

The Hosanna Plan is a massive mobilization by the Russian national church to bring in the harvest. It consists of two parts: "Year for Jesus", and "Every Church Plants a Church." Russia has about 129,000 population points: cities, towns & villages. Our vision is to take the Word of God to every person in Russia, no matter where they live. Many of the small villages are disappearing as young people move to the cities, and yet the people there need to hear the gospel

before the opportunity disappears. "Year for Jesus" is a plan to take a ministry team to every one of those population points. This is no small plan, the sheer numbers require incredible amounts of travel. Russia is a BIG country.



Russia reaches from Alaska to Europe, from the Arctic Ocean to China and the Black Sea.

Documents for Living

Sometimes it seems that documents in Russia take on a life of their own. Everything you do seems to need a special document of its own; and yes, you'll need to stand in line at some government office to get the one you need. Just last year Cecil received his temporary resident

permit. Now he's jumping through the hoops to receive his permanent residency. Resident permits allow him to live in Russia, but if he leaves for more than six months it will be lost. So trips to the States will be limited for time. This will affect future furloughs.